

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of) Docket No. HWCA 01/02-3040
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Fremouw Environmental Services)
149 Cherokee Court)
Vacaville, California 95696) CONSENT ORDER
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EPA ID No.: CAL 000 218 587) Health and Safety Code
) Section 25 187
Respondent.)
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The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and
Fremouw Environmental Services (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order (Order)
and agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered transporter of hazardous waste at 149
Cherokee Court, Vacaville, California 95696 (Site).
2. The Department inspected the Site on January 17 and 28, 2002.
3. The Department alleges the following violation:
 - 3.1 The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code, section 25250.7
subsection (a), in that on or about December 4, 12, and 13, 2001, Respondent
contaminated used oil with waste antifreeze in its tanker truck.
4. A dispute exists regarding the alleged violation.
5. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt
compliance.
6. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to H&SC, Section 25 187



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7. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.

8. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violation alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.

9. Respondent admits to the violation alleged above.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

10. Respondent shall comply with the following:

10.1. Effective immediately, Respondent shall cease contaminating used oil with any other hazardous waste, including waste antifreeze.

10.2. Submittals: All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent to:

Robert Kou
Unit Chief
Department Of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

10.3. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

10.4. Department Review and Approval: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this

1 Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or
2 the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with
3 recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a
4 revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

5 10.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this
6 Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not
7 limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.
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9 10.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the
10 Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in
11 compliance with this Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial
12 endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or
13 to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation
14 for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this
15 Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be
16 extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.
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19 10.7. Liability: Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be
20 construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as
21 a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this
22 Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order,
23 Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public
24 health or welfare or the environment.
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26 10.8. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable
27 times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency

1 having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the
2 right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law.
3 The Department and its authorized representatives may enter and move freely about all
4 property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to:
5 inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the
6 progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting
7 such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons
8 to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and
9 monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent
10 Order.
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13 10.9. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall
14 permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all
15 sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on
16 Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent
17 Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take
18 duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order.
19 Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents
20 prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents
21 shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all
22 activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these
23 documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with
24 that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy
25 the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at
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least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 10.16 in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.

10.11. Incorporation of Plans and Reports: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.

10.12. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

10.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

PAYMENTS

11. Respondent shall pay the Department a total sum of \$5,000 in penalties. The penalty shall be paid by July 15, 2002.

The Respondent hereby agrees to send one employee to the specified California Compliance School, Modules I through IV. Attendance must be completed and Respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion issued by the California Compliance School to the Department within 185 days of the date of this Order. In recognition of this educational investment, the penalty imposed by this Order has been reduced by \$4,000.00 if the employee specified above completes the specified modules and the Department receives the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within 185 days of the effective date of this Order. If Respondent fails to submit the Certificate as required, the penalty of \$4,000.00 is due and payable within 30 days after 185 day period expires. The 185 day period may be extended by the Department upon written request demonstrating good cause from Respondent. Respondent's check shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control and shall be delivered, together with a payment Voucher in the form set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to the Department at the following address:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Accounting Office
1001 I Street, 21st. Floor
P. O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to:

Robert Kou
Unit Chief
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 N. Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

If Respondent fails to make the payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest thereon at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code

1 section 25360.1 and pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection
2 including attorney's fees.

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4 OTHER PROVISIONS

5 12.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By agreeing to this Consent
6 Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions,
7 except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.

8 12.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of
9 this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages for
10 any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such
11 failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable
12 provisions of law.

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14 12.3. Parties Bound: This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding
15 upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees,
16 contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to
17 individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department
18 and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the
19 subject matter of this Consent Order.

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21 12.4. Effective Date: The effective date of this Consent Order is the date
22 it is signed by the Department.

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24 12.5. Integration: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement
25 between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as
26 provided in this agreement.
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Signature of Respondent's Representative

Dated: _____

Roberto Kou, Unit Chief
Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control